







## POETRY.

For the New England Spectator.

## Immortality.

'It may be true,'—the wondering skeptic cried,  
As he beheld how firm a good man died.  
A deep emotion there his spirit caught,  
And through his mind progressed the anxious  
thought,

'It may be true, that after life has fled,  
The soul may live, when ages shall have sped ;  
The seeds of vigor life from death may bring,  
And through eternity fresh knowledge spring ;  
Unending good the righteous soul may know,  
And banished sin Jehovah's frown may show.  
For sure the thoughts that kindle in my breast,  
Are not, in death, to know an endless rest ;  
These longing hopes, these strong desires which rise,  
Reach not their goal beneath these lower skies ;  
Far, far beyond time's range they pierce the shade  
That o'er the future seems to man displayed,  
And show that man for endless life was made ;  
Imagination scans the boundless track,  
Reveals the mind, *existent*, still awake.  
Say, can the grave in gloomy bondage chain  
Such powers ? Or were they given to man in vain ?  
This beam of spirit, into being brought,  
Can it, when just emerged to life, go out ?  
Just reach this point, and then in night expire ?  
Be quenched in death the soul's transcendent fire ?  
Oh no ! the living hope which Revelation brings,  
Unfolds the future to Faith's piercing wings ;  
Proclaims, that this with future life shall blend,  
And once begun shall never know an end ;  
The soul, the glory of its Maker's hand,  
Maintains existence in a higher land ;  
The body, too, from earthly dust shall rise  
And, made immortal, live beyond the skies ;—  
That all God's works shall his high praises sing,  
And every creature own that God is King.

themselves of the opportunity of hearing it. If there is doubt the competency or want of color because he is subject to ocular and auricular disease, there is one, at least, who is to the character of a schoolman.

## Boarding Schools.—

A popular medical writer of Hartford, Conn., in his *Supposition*, in the *Knickerbocker*, gives the following :

" Crowded boarding schools for girls are quite numerous, and among them I fear they prove dangerous. At these schools the physical training of the girls is given the chief attention, and the mental powers of the intellect are given up. Mental labor is required to educate girls, sufficient to interest them in their studies. All the rewards, the hopes and wishes of the girls, are for intellectual acquirements ; they exercise a little ; but this is often a task, and they occasionally walk with their teachers, with a regular pace, that does them good. Plays and exercises that give joy, and which call into the whole system—that exercise and strengthen the muscles, and enable them to stand upright, are considered rude and uncouth, and are not allowed.